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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DAVID WADE, RETAIL CLERKS INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL

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1. DAVID WADE, INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RETAIL CLERKS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (RCIA), CALLED ON THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 17. WADE STATED THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF HIS PRESENT TRIP TO AFRICA WAS TO PREPARE FOR THE 27TH RCIA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN HONOLULU JULY 25-29, 1977. ACCORDING TO WADE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT TO BE DISCUSSED AT THIS CONVENTION WILL BE THE RCIA ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMERCIAL, CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES (FIET) AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN GENERAL. THE LAST RCIA CONVENTION IN 1972 WAS ATTENDED BY ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN AFRICAN FIET AFFILIATE. THIS YEAR, WADE HOPES TO ASSURE WIDER REPRESENTATION FROM AFRICA THROUGH HIS PRESENT TRIP. HE MADE A

POINT OF STATING THAT THE FAILURE IN 1972 TO CONSULT MORE CLOSELY WITH U.S. MISSIONS IN AFRICA REGARDING AFRICAN ATTENDANCE HAD BEEN PARTLY RESSPONSIBLE FOR THE POOR SHOWING. DURING THIS TRIP, HE SAID, HE WAS GIVING PRIORITY TO CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE U.S. MISSION LABOR REPORTING OFFICERS. THE RCIA PLANS TO ORGANIZE SEPARATE TOURS FOR EACH OF THE GROUPS OF AFRICAN, ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES IN THE U.S. FOLLOWING THE HAWAII CONVENTION.

2. INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO ESMAEL SHERIF OF LIBERIA; BEN K. EDJAH OF GHANA; G. SAMMY MUHANJI OF KENYA; IBRAHIMA CASIMIR DIOUF OF SENEGAL; T.S. KAMARA OF SIERRA LEONE; J. RAY ALTMAN OF SOUTH AFRICA; KOETE KOKO GAYIBOR OF TOGO; MAHMOUD GRAMI OF TUNISIA; AND FRANK N. KANU, NATHANIEL F. PEPPE, AND OKON ESCHIETT OF NIGERIA.

3. WADE SAID HE HOPES THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN MEETING TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS TO THE HAWAII CONVENTION.

4. MR. WADE SHOWED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR A LETTER FROM THE RCIA TO GEORGE MEANY DATED JUNE 1, 1976, DESCRIBING THE HAWAII CONVENTION AND REQUESTING MEANY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO MEET THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF FOREIGN DELEGATES.

5. WADE WILL BE MEETING WITH ESMAEL SHERIF, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED WORKERS CONGRESS AND HEAD OF THE LIBERIAN DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL, CLERICAL AND GENERAL SERVICES UNION; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMOS GRAY, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND EDWARD KUDLA, REGIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER REPRESENTATIVE IN LIBERIA.  
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